

**OFFSITE MANAGEMENT USING DISK BASED TAPE LIBRARY AND  
VAULT SYSTEM**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method for archiving data from a first disk-based storage device to a second disk-based storage device includes moving an emulated tape from a first element to a second element simulatively without actually moving data associated with the emulated tape. The data associated with the emulated tape is transmitted from the first disk-based storage device to the second disk-based storage device via a communication link. The data associated with the emulated tape is removed from the first disk-based storage device.

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